

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Title: FASTENING ELEMENT FOR AN)	
IMPLANT, IN PARTICULAR A HIP)	
PROSTHESIS)	

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 31, 2006. Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.